

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

**April 2015**

CATEGORY	April 2015	April 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE INCIDENTS	<b>0</b>	1	<b>0</b>	2
FIRE	<b>33</b>	38	<b>102</b>	66
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	<b>218</b>	189	<b>853</b>	838
OTHER	<b>89</b>	92	<b>349</b>	336
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	<b>5</b>	6	<b>20</b>	24
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	<b>51</b>	48	<b>197</b>	206
TERRORIST	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	<b>8</b>	4	<b>15</b>	16
CGS INCIDENTS	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	<b>0</b>	4	<b>0</b>	9
Total number of Logged incidents	<b>404</b>	382	<b>1536</b>	1497

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	<b>4</b>	5	<b>19</b>	20
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	<b>20</b>	18	<b>130</b>	229

LEGEND	
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Wildland Fire incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, including but not limited to Tsunami events, Earthquakes, and Critical Incident Stress Debriefings.

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 15-1139 • On April 1, the National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning for Asotin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas and Yakima County. The Warning expired on April 2 at 0900 hrs.
- 15-1156 • On April 2, the National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning for portions of Yakima and Kittitas County. The Warning expired on April 3 at 0900 hrs.
- 15-1167 • On April 3, the National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning for Kittitas County. The Warning expired on April 4 at 0900 hrs.
- 15-1180 • On April 4, the following weather products were issued by the National Weather Service:
  - Freeze Warning for portions of Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Skamania, Grant, Franklin and Walla Walla County. The Warning expired on April 5 at 0900 hrs.
  - Winter Storm Watch for Spokane, Pend Oreille and Stevens County. The Watch was downgraded to an Advisory on April 5 at 0330 hrs.
- 15-1188 • On April 4, Jefferson County conducted a rescue of an injured hiker and a helicopter mission was coordinated from King County to assist. The subject was flown to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-1187 • On April 5, Skamania County conducted a rescue of an individual with life threatening injuries and a helicopter with hoist mission was coordinated from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station to assist. The subject was transported to a local hospital for treatment.
- 15-1202 • On April 6, Grays Harbor County conducted a rescue of a 60 year-old male who was stuck in a swampy area of land near Ocean City and suffering from hypothermia. A helicopter mission was coordinated from the United States Coast Guard to assist and the individual was hoisted to safety.
- 15-1256 • On April 10, the following weather products were issued from the National Weather Service:
  - Winter Storm Watch for the Cascades Mountains of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce and Lewis County. The Watch was upgraded to a Warning on April 10 at 1530 hrs.
  - Winter Storm Warning for the Cascade Mountains of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, and Lewis County. The Warning expired on April 12 at 0600 hrs.

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- 15-1256 • On April 11, the National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning for Yakima County. The Warning expired on April 11 at 0800 hrs.
- 15-1259 • On April 10, a 3.3 magnitude earthquake occurred 18 miles NNW of Ellensburg. No damages were reported.
- 15-1273 • On April 11, King County conducted a search for a missing 78 year-old medically unstable man in Redmond. Additional resources were coordinated from Pierce and Snohomish Counties to assist. The subject was located in good condition.
- 15-1304 • On April 14, the National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning for areas of Benton, Franklin, Yakima, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, Chelan, Grant and Walla Walla Counties. The Warning expired on April 15 at 0900 hrs.
- 15-1316 • On April 15, a 2.91 magnitude earthquake occurred 10 miles NNW of Mt St Helens. It was followed by a swarm of smaller earthquakes. The shaking was felt but no damages were reported.
- 15-1317 • On April 15, an Amber Alert was issued for two year-old Ronnie D. Tran who was abducted in Des Moines. The alert was canceled the same day when the child was located unharmed in the Renton area.
- 15-1319 • On April 15, a Freeze Warning was issued for portions of Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Columbia, Walla Walla and Franklin Counties. The Warning expired on April 16 at 0900 hrs.
- 15-1399 • On April 21, Thurston County conducted a search for house fire victims in Olympia. Cadaver search dogs were coordinated from Pierce County to assist.
- 15-1472 • On April 25, The National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning for the Kittitas and Yakima Valleys. The Warning expired on April 26 at 0900 hrs.
- 15-1476 • On April 25, San Juan Island Dispatch requested assistance in transporting a 90 year-old female, with an aortic aneurysm to St Joseph Hospital in Bellingham. Air transport mission was coordinated through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and Whidbey Naval Air Station flew the mission.
- 15-1490 • On April 26, Snohomish County conducted a rescue of an injured female on Mt Pilchuck. Additional resources were coordinated from Skagit and King County to assist. The individual was packed out and transported to the hospital for treatment.

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*SEOO Activity for the current month:*

20	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
7	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
690	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
19	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

➤ Participated in 11 exercises of which 1 were vessel spill drills.

*Conducted the following tests:*

<b><i>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)</i></b>	<b><i>Frequency of tests</i></b>	<b><i>Number of tests completed this month</i></b>	<b><i>Total number of stations tested this month</i></b>	<b><i>Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i></b>	<b><i>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i></b>
NAWAS	Twice daily	58	1836	1785	97%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	30	8	27%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	14	330	183	55%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	4	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1

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Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	7	OPSCAN test	1 per day	29
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	30	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	3

## *Test information/definitions:*

- **NAWAS:** National Warning System Tests (NAWAS) over the State and Federal circuits. NAWAS connects over 1,800 State and Federal jurisdictions and agencies on the Federal circuit and all counties, some agencies and some tribes on the State circuit. there are 4 tests a day, testing 66 drops on 2 circuits. The number above reflects the 4 tests a day. Previously the number included the total number of stations contacted during those tests.
- **DOE tests:** Department of Energy Hanford Site has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here
- **CGS tests:** Columbia Generating Station has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here.
- **AHAB:** All Hazards Alert Broadcast System is tested daily through the daily function tests, which tests the functional capability of all coastal and Puget Sound siren systems. The voice and tone sirens are tested monthly. The AHAB Siren activates the coastal and Puget Sound voice and tone sirens during tsunami and other hazardous incidents.
- **OPSCAN:** Olympic Peninsula Public Safety Alliance Network (OPSCAN) connects public safety organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula.
- **STAEN:** The State Agency Emergency Network (STAEN) connects state agency via an 800 MHz radio system.
- **CEMNET:** Comprehensive Emergency Management Network radio connecting all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console.
- **King County 800 MHz System** connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.